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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

There's a difference of opinion among unionists over the boycott of Schenley liquors and wines.

Schenley is one of the biggest growers struck by the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, near Delano.

But its liquors are bottled by union Distillery Workers, and its wines are made by union Winery Workers.

I say buying of Schenley wines and liquors helps break the strike of my fellow unionists in AWOC. I believe a good unionist won't buy Schenley products until fair conditions prevail in its vineyards, as well as its wineries and distilleries.

IF I WERE COUNCILMAN...

If I were a member of the Oakland City Council, I would make it my personal policy not to become involved in any land deals involving property in Oakland—least of all property near a controversial public works project.

Under no circumstances would I acquire real estate that might be used for a street or road—least of all one leading to a controversial public works project.

The mayor, in hot water over another deal, says he is convinced there was "no monkey-shines" on the part of the councilman. Does this make it OK?

DEPT. OF PRIORITIES

The war in Vietnam was given by Federal Anti-Poverty Director Sargent Shriver as the reason Governor Brown's plan to provide thousands of jobs for Negroes in Watts was turned down in Washington.

It was also used as an excuse for predicting that the 90,000 acre redwood national park in Humboldt County—as proposed by Congressman Jeffery Cohelan (D-Berkeley), the Sierra Club and many other conservationists—won't get through Congress this year.

We have already had new violence in Watts. We may have more there and elsewhere—perhaps in Oakland.

And the lumber interests will get a field day, while a precious scenic area is lost to the public forever.

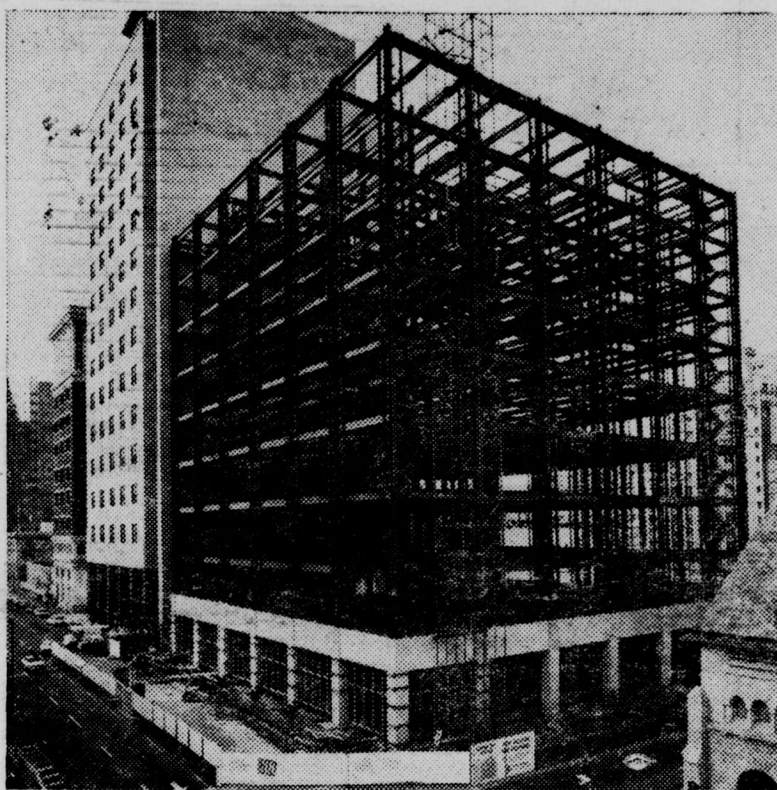
For all this, the war in Vietnam is used as an excuse.

If we must have the war, let's not sacrifice civilian essentials. This is the worst kind of false economy. It is inexcusable waste and dereliction of public responsibility.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

COPE: Cohelan, Miller, Edwards, Rumford OK'd



CONSTRUCTION WORKERS are preparing to install precast aggregate panels on the exterior of the new \$20 million Pacific Telephone building at 1587 Franklin St., Oakland. Structural steel work on the structure, which will be completed in December, is now finished. The project has provided jobs for dozens of building trades unionists

Senate probe, march focus on Farm Workers

A parade of grape strikers from the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and the independent Farm Workers Association continued its march up the east side of the San Joaquin Valley this week—to protest unfair treatment of migrant farm laborers.

The delegation, headed for Sacramento, met with a police barricade when it first left Delano more than a week ago. But city officials were persuaded to let the march proceed.

National labor leaders taking part in the march when it left Delano included Paul Schrade, regional director of the United Auto Workers, AFLCIO, and Jack Conway, executive director of the AFLCIO Industrial Union Department.

SENATE HEARINGS

The march dramatized hearings by Senator Harrison Williams' Subcommittee on Migratory Labor in California earlier in the week.

Witnesses from government, labor and religion stressed the

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If you quit, don't apply for jobless benefits, BTC told

If you quit your job, don't apply for unemployment benefits right away.

This advice was given to building tradesmen last week.

President Paul L. Jones of the Building Trades Council urged workers who get fed up and quit their jobs to contact their union hiring hall—and "get a day somewhere else" before filing for jobless benefits.

Under a law adopted by the State Legislature last year, a worker who files for unemployment insurance after quitting his job is automatically disqualified, Jones explained to the Building Trades Council.

But if he works temporarily somewhere else, he may become eligible again.

MEETING WITH GOVERNOR

Acting BTC Business Representative Bruce Dillashaw reported that about 15 union leaders had met with Governor Brown a few days earlier.

One of the topics was the unionists' desire to have the Legislature repeal this unfair provision, Dillashaw pointed out. Before the Legislature can act

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Petris, Crown, Ed Ardzrooni, Duncan backed

Alameda County's three incumbent Democratic congressmen—Jeffery Cohelan (7th District), George P. Miller (8th District) and Don Edwards (9th District)—have been endorsed unanimously for re-election by organized labor's political arm.

The action was taken by the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education last Friday night. COPE delegates acted following all-day screening sessions by their Executive Committee on the following other offices:

- 8th State Senate District—Assemblyman W. Byron Rumford (D).

- 11th State Senate District—Assemblyman Nicholas C. Petris (D).

- 13th Assembly District—No endorsement.

- 14th Assembly District—Robert W. Crown (D), incumbent.

- 15th Assembly District—Rod Duncan (D).

- 16th Assembly District—Ed Ardzrooni.

- 17th Assembly District—No endorsement.

Before endorsing any candidate for the State Legislature, COPE required a pledge of support for incumbent Congressmen Jeffery Cohelan, George P. Miller and Don Edwards.

It also gave considerable attention to candidates' positions on three key issues:

- Bills to prohibit the use of professional strikebreakers.

- Assembly Bill 1474, passed by the Legislature last year, which sets up negotiating councils for school employees and undermines organizing efforts by locals of the AFLCIO American Federation of Teachers in California.

- Fair housing legislation.

However, a total of 20 questions on 11 important issues of state government were asked all candidates who presented themselves for COPE interviews.

Candidates were also asked their positions on important local issues.

STAND ON BEE

Failure to endorse incumbent Democratic Assemblyman Carlos Bee of Hayward in the 13th Assembly District was based partly on his support of Assembly Bill 1474.

But COPE delegates were told by the Executive Committee that Bee also took an anti-labor stand on the issue of taxation during the interviews.

Tribune pact

Newspaper Guild members have won "one of the best economic settlements" in their history at the Oakland Tribune.

The pact, which averted strike action, substantially duplicates one signed in San Francisco last month—including a \$200 scale for experienced reporters and photographers.

However, Tribune negotiators dropped out of the San Francisco talks and demanded inferior conditions, making renewal of a strike sanction request necessary here.

Guild Executive Secretary Fred Fletcher praised the role of CLC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Ash and a five-man committee, as well as support from other unions at the Tribune, in a report to the Labor Council Monday night.

Labor condemns 'stacked' county CDC convention

Labor support for Berkeley's liberal Congressman Jeffery Cohelan and other COPE-endorsed candidates was the chief topic at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting.

AMENDMENT FAILS

Delegates voted to condemn the Seventh District California Democratic Council and "cooperate in no way" with it this year. They did this after hearing reports on last Saturday's Alameda County CDC endorsing convention by Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Ash and Executive Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx.

Groulx described the convention as "pretty well dominated by the VDC (Vietnam Day Committee). A group of delegates from Teachers' locals at the University of California walked out during his report.

DELEGATES WALK OUT

The condemnation vote was upon a motion by Groulx. Delegates tabled a broader motion by Leslie K. Moore, business representative for Auto and Ship Painters 1176.

An attempt to amend Groulx' motion by Rodney Larson, business representative for Public Employees 1675, to censure only the action by the convention—not the local CDC itself—failed when Larson received no second.

Larson said several CDC officials in the Seventh District, including himself, planned to issue statements disavowing the action of the "stacked" convention.

HOW TO BUY

How to fight rising prices

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal
By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

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Food is the big price problem in this year of high living costs and will remain so until fall.

Then an increase in presently scarce pork supplies will ease the pressure which also has been pushing up beef, poultry and other protein food prices.

Last month, peanuts were one of the few "plentiful foods" the U.S. Agriculture Department was able to suggest.

This month, they have added raisins to the list.

At least it's a change.

The real prospect for the months ahead is told by the Dun and Bradstreet wholesale food price index, which currently is 14 per cent higher than a year ago.

Meat prices in the supermarkets are going to be very high this summer.

Farmers themselves are protesting the present level of food prices. Recently the National Farmers Organization charged that pork prices have gone up more in the supermarkets than justified by the increase in farmers' prices.

The other cost-boosting news is that the Veterans Administration has joined the interest-raising parade by raising the rate on GI mortgages to 5½ per cent from the previous 5¼.

This, however, is still the lowest rate usually available with a small down payment; if you are still eligible, and can find a lender willing to grant a V.A. Mortgage, or if you can get a direct loan from V.A. on the ground that you live in an area where V.A. guaranty loans are not available.

Recently FHA raised its mortgage rate to six per cent (including the mortgage insurance premium for insuring the lender against loss). This makes the FHA rate higher now than conventional (non-FHA) mortgages in many areas. The major exception is California.

HERE ARE TIPS on April buying opportunities:

Refrigerators: Judging from our mail, the item most in demand among America's housewives at this time is refrigerators.

Many lower-price models now incorporate such desirable modern specifications as the frostless features. These are now often available for less than \$250, compared with \$300 two or three years ago.

Thin wall models provide more interior capacity in the same exterior space because the foamed insulation used enables the thinner walls.

A genuinely "frost free" or "frostless" refrigerator provides automatic defrosting in both the refrigerator and freezer sections. Make sure of this point. Less-expensive models provide automatic defrost only in the refrigerator compartment. However, defrosting the freezer section is not a difficult chore, especially in a top-mounted freezer.

The most-widely bought type now is the wholly frost-free refrigerator with the freezer mounted at the top, although more people are buying the bottom-mounted type. This type is more expensive and may be needed only if you have a large family or can use the bigger freezer provided in bottom-mounted models.

Keep in mind that the frost-free feature and the size both affect operating cost.

Spring dresses: You may not eat well this spring, but you can dress well. If you avoid the fleeting "ugly" fashions like the garish, geometric "op art" patterns there also are classic styles available at relatively reasonable prices in modern easy-care fabrics.

Food Calendar: This is the flush season for eggs, and they are a best buy now even though prices are higher than last year. Eggs have complete protein. This means they are usable as an alternate for meat.

Broilers are more expensive than last year, even though supplies are larger, because of the increased demand as an alternate for costly red meats. But they still have relatively reasonable value. Canned salmon is more reasonable this year. Tuna is another low-priced substitute for meat.

Women & press

Newspapers are like women. They both have forms; back numbers are not in demand.

They always have the last word.

They are all worth looking over.

They have a good deal of influence; however, you can't believe all they say.

There's small demand for the bold face type, and every man should have one of his own—**UMW Journal**.

Going, going . . .

"Why were you running away from that car the other night?"
"I wasn't running. I was being chaste."—**The Machinists**.

What They Wore...by PHYLLIS JOYCE



A few words for UNION CONSUMERS

A **BERKELEY** free-lance writer, Jennifer Cross, wrote an article on "The Supermarket Caper," which appeared in a recent issue of The Nation.

Miss Cross ticks off the formidable array of lobbyists, propagandists and pressure groups for the \$80 billion food industry opposing the Truth-in-Packaging bill.

She feels that our hopes of getting truth-in-packaging legislation must rest on the fact that the Johnson Administration appears to be behind it.

WHILE it's true that the consumer's lobby—if it can be called that—lacks money, power and cohesion, evidence of grassroots pressure for truth-in-packaging could make a lot of congressmen think twice before voting against it.

Miss Cross effectively sums up some of the many arguments for the bill:

• "Slow shrinkage" of package sizes, in lieu of price increases.

The Berkeley writer says these are "all too often the result of manufacturers' attempts to increase profits and acquire an edge over competitors."

"Familiar friends," she adds, "like Betty Crocker Instant Mashed Potatoes and Kraft Fudgies have gradually dwindled (from 7.2 to 6.5 ounces, and from 15 to 12 ounces)."

"The once standard No. 2 can, containing about 20 ounces, has largely given way to the 16 ounce No. 303 can or the 15 ounce No. 300. Today, almost the only commodities sold in standard units are flour, sugar, ground coffee, tea, cheese foods and dry beans."

• "Deceptive packaging."

Miss Cross says:

"Consumers Union alone has collected complaints involving 200 different product lines, some of them coming from the biggest manufacturers in the country. There is the package cunningly designed to look bigger than it is . . . the full-color picture that bears scant relationship to what's inside . . . puffy adjectives like 'big' quart and 'jumbo' gallon and meaningless descriptions of size like 'king,' 'giant,' 'large' and 'super.' Other packages suffer from marked schizophrenia, wherein the legend on the front, which is what the customers reads, is not borne out by the contents listed in small print on the back."

• "Sharp practice."

"A recent survey by the National Bureau of Standards in Arkansas," Miss Cross says, "showed that 'more than 80 per cent of pre-packaged foods were found to be of short measure'."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

ACC organizing drive endorsed

A membership drive among unions by the Association of California Consumers has the endorsement of the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council.

The councils took action after Robert McLane, new executive director of the statewide consumer organization, spoke before their executive committees.

McLane said union memberships cost \$25 a year and up, depending upon the number in the union.

A former assistant manager of the Cooperative Center Federal Credit Union in Berkeley, McLane is leading an organizing drive for the consumer association.

The consumer association was formed in 1960 with major participation by representatives of organized labor. Its aims include better consumer laws and support for the work of State Consumer Counsel Helen E. Nelson.

Easy credit

This is the only country in the world where as soon as a feller can afford a Ford, he buys a Cadillac.—**UMW Journal**.

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Easter's coming; buy Union Label

Millions of union-earned dollars will be spent during the Easter buying season, and Joseph Lewis, secretary-treasurer of the AFLCIO Union Label and Service Trades Department, hopes they'll be spent on union-made products.

The Union Label and Service Trades Department has launched its annual Easter Season Buying Campaign.

Asking for the Union Label, Shop Card, Store Card and Service Button, Lewis says, is "a guarantee to us that the products we purchase and the services we use are not only of the highest quality but also a knowledge that they are produced by working men and women who enjoy union security, good wages and decent working conditions."

Best cabbage crop in years

The U.S. Agriculture Department reports the best cabbage crop in 10 years.

Look for heads that are firm and heavy in relation to size. To avoid waste, be sure the stems are trimmed close to the head.

Costs drop

The Rural Electrification Administration reports that wholesale costs of electric power for electric systems financed by its loans have dropped to the lowest point in REA history.

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Labor for junior college bond issue in Contra Costa

Organized labor in Contra Costa County has endorsed a \$55 million bond issue for additional junior college facilities.

The measure, to face voters at a special election March 29, will provide:

- \$20 million for completion of the Diablo Valley College campus in Concord.

- \$10 million for completion of the Contra Costa College campus in San Pablo.

- \$15½ million for a new south campus in the Danville-Alamo area, and

- \$9½ million for a new east campus in the Pittsburg-Antioch area.

The bond issue has the endorsement of the Central Labor Council, Building Trades Council, Health and Welfare Council and a growing list of local unions in Contra Costa County.

College officials point to a doubling in enrollment in the last five years.

The two partially-completed campuses now operated by the district were designed to accommodate 5,000 full-time students.

Current enrollment is 9,000 full-time and 7,000 evening students.

Joseph Nobriga, retired Boilermakers' official, dies; funeral rites today

Joseph Nobriga, 66, former secretary-treasurer of Boilermakers 10, died Tuesday morning at Oakland Hospital after several years of failing health.

Nobriga who retired in 1960 after about 18 years of full-time service to Local 10 and Welders and Burners 681, was also a former secretary of the Metal Trades Council and a longtime delegate to the Building Trades Council. He was business agent and secretary-treasurer of Local 681 before it became part of Local 10.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. today (Friday) at Guerrero & Scramur Chapel, San Leandro.

Berkeleyan wins post in apprenticeship bureau

Henry T. Johnson, long active in the Urban League and the NAACP on the West Coast, was named today as industrial training advisor to the U.S. Labor Department's Apprenticeship and Training Bureau.

Morris Skinner, regional director of the bureau, said Johnson will concentrate on bringing more qualified Negroes and Mexican-Americans into apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs in Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada.

A Berkeley resident, Johnson replaces Charles Jaymes, recently transferred to the U.S. Air Force as an intergroup relations specialist.

Talks between Navy, AFGE break off at supply center

Negotiations between American Federation of Government Employees 1533 and Oakland Naval Supply Center officials have been broken off, according to Edward O. (Pete) Lee, union business representative.

Lee said talks on a contract for Public Works Unit employees can be resumed upon call of either the union or the Navy.

If the local officials at the supply center fail to come up with acceptable proposals, Lee declared, the union may send a delegation to Washington, D.C., to confer directly with the Navy's Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

NAVY ACCUSED

Under federal policy, a union such as Lodge 1533 which wins exclusive recognition may negotiate a contract covering items other than wages and hours. Lee charged local naval officials are trying "to write the weakest contract they can."

He told the Central Labor Council:

"I hope no one here has to go through the experience of trying to negotiate with the Navy. After months of caucusing, by Navy brass, Dick Groulx (executive assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council) told them if they had been private employers there would have been a strike long ago."

Lee said unresolved issues include promotion, discrimination, working out of classification, overtime, grievance procedures and arbitration, bulletin board censorship, performance ratings, and time off to attend conferences on safety and other matters.

Management officials, Lee charged, receive free time off to

Oil Workers will seek job security guarantees

The Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, AFLCIO, will seek guarantees of job security for persons now employed, annual adjustments in compensation and the elimination of inequities between conditions in the major companies in negotiations this fall with the oil industry, President A. F. Grospien announced.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the union's Oil Bargain Policy Committee in Denver. The committee delayed until a future meeting, scheduled June 27, the establishment of a precise set of negotiating goals.

attend such conferences, but rank-and-file union members must go on their own time.

The base admiral, Lee added, claims the right to review bulletin board notices the union wants to post and to determine whether they are "factual" and do not "attack an agency or an individual."

OVERTIME PROTEST

Lodge 1533 is also protesting a policy of denying overtime work to employees who have been sick during the week. And it objects to the Navy's policy of refusing to furnish safety shoes.

The Navy requires wearing of safety shoes, but if the worker won't buy his own, he receives only safety tips—which the Navy at one time said were illegal, according to Lee. He added that the Army and Air Force buy safety shoes for workers who need them.

AFTRA NABET win 'free speech' victory at KXTV

The right of unions to conduct a consumer boycott of merchants who advertised on a struck Sacramento television station has been upheld by the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Nearly six years after the AFLCIO National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians and the AFLCIO American Federation of Television and Radio Artists struck station KXTV in a contract dispute, the appellate court in San Francisco concluded that a broadcasting station is, in effect, a producer of the goods it advertises.

Therefore, unions may lawfully picket advertisers and handbill their places of business under the publicity provision of the Landrum-Griffin Act, it declared.

An attorney for AFLTRA called the decision a "significant victory" for free speech.

During the legal battle over their boycott rights, however, the two unions lost their bargaining rights at the struck station, owned by John Hay (Jock) Whitney and others. Whitney is publisher of the New York Herald Tribune.

The appellate court reversed its own previous ruling to conform with a Supreme Court decision in a parallel case.

Union man running for Fremont City Council guest at CLC meeting

Jim Santos, a key negotiator for the United Auto Workers and candidate for Fremont City Council, was a guest at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting.

Santos is chairman of the UAW 1364 Negotiating Committee at the Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac plant in Fremont. He is also top negotiator for the union in BAP Division plants of General Motors Corp. across the nation.

Jim McCloskey, recording secretary of Local 1364 and CLC delegate, introduced Santos.

New CLC delegates

New delegates seated by the Central Labor Council last week included: Chester Ansley, Auto Salesmen 1095; Bob Daskam and J. C. Hayes, East Bay Regional Parks 414; Ronald Hooper, Flint Glass Workers 66; William Jackson, East Bay Municipal Employees 390, and Charles E. Keys, Transport Workers 505.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Apprenticeship info. center moves to 301 13th St.

The Oakland Apprenticeship and Training Information Center has moved to new quarters at 301 Thirteenth St., it was announced by Ernest B. Webb, state director of industrial relations.

Formerly housed in the California State Employment Service Office at the State Building, the information center is now a section of the services offered at the newly-opened main Youth Opportunity Center.

The Apprenticeship and Training Information Center provides counseling services and refers young workers seeking to enter the apprenticeship program to joint apprenticeship committees and to on-the-job training openings. The center also arranges for testing and screening of likely apprenticeship candidates.

The Oakland Information Center is one of seven located in key labor markets throughout the state. All are jointly staffed by the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards and State Department of Employment.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO READERS OF THE EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

MILLMEN'S UNION 550, in an advertisement in the March 11 issue of the East Bay Labor Journal, made statements which would have you believe that the management of Modulux, Inc. is anti-labor. THIS is not true!

MODULUX BELIEVES in the right of its employees to bargain collectively through a union of their own choice without fear of reprisal.

IN FACT, we who sign this reply to the "550" ad, believe with Franklin D. Roosevelt who said that were he a factory worker he would belong to a union. So would we!

MILLMEN 550, in their ad, made serious allegations against Mr. DeWayne Titus. They failed, however, to state that Mr. Titus has been separated from Modulux since April 15, 1965. Millmen 550 know this fact, but did not report it.

MILLMEN HEADLINE the fact that 450 men were hired and laid off in two years. This is true. But "550" failed to explain that our operation, up to recently, has been plagued with the peaks and valleys of a highly seasonal business. There was, therefore, necessarily a large fluctuation in the work force between the summer and winter months. Millmen are familiar with layoffs.

MODULUX, whenever required to add to the work force, has voluntarily adhered to the principles of seniority.

OVER THE PAST YEAR, Modulux, because of its production techniques and the efforts of the employees and management, has been successful in practically eliminating the seasonal cycles of its business. As a result, the company is providing steady year-round employment for a growing work force.

MILLMEN 550, in their ad, unfortunately failed to tell you that everyone on the Modulux seniority list has had the opportunity to return to work and, further, that more people have been added to our payroll.

MODULUX HAS BEEN MANUFACTURING—by assembly line methods—versatile structures to meet the pressing needs of California school districts. Management is now developing new business from commercial and industrial customers seeking relocatable and expandable quality structures—in a hurry.

WITH more and more school districts needing additional teaching facilities for our children now; with federal and state programs being put into operation that require more offices and classrooms now; and with the growth and potential of our commercial business, management is confident of providing more and more steady year-round jobs.

MILLMEN make an issue over the fact that an NLRB election has been scheduled for Friday, March 25.

THIS, of course, is not an issue with management. We are pleased that an election has been called. Relief could have been sought in the courts to delay this election. We did not seek this "relief."

IN LINE with our company's position that the employees should be represented by a union of their own choice, we welcome the election. We look forward to this election clarifying the present issue of union representation.

MANAGEMENT HAD HOPED that this representation campaign could have been conducted in a manner which would not damage the reputation of a young, growing company in a new and important industry; a company developing steady employment and jobs where none existed before. It should be obvious that an attack on Modulux is really an attack not only on management, but on all the employees, their families and the future of all concerned as well.

FINALLY, we had hoped that the conduct of the campaign would not be such as to cause Modulux employees to throw their hands up in disgust and vote against any union representation. We prefer that our employees be represented by a union and that it be a union of their own choice.

Sincerely,

LOWELL DENNY, President

HENRY KRABBENSCHMIDT, Vice President, Finance

ARNOLD SILVERMAN, Vice President, Operations

MODULUX INC.

Newark, California

Retail Clerks Union 870 BY CHARLES F. JONES

The members of Local 870 working in Peters Brothers Shoe Co., Peters Brothers Shoe Salon and Rocsil's met last week and approved the change of their health and welfare plan from Blue Cross to the Northern California Clerks Health and Welfare Plan.

Although the contract does not expire until March, 1967, the companies and the union mutually agreed to these improvements in the health and welfare plan. The new plan will be effective April 1, 1966, and will include dental care and prescription drug coverage.

SIMON HARDWARE

Those members employed at Simon's who have not yet returned their questionnaire relative to the new contract, please do so at once.

CALIFORNIA DENTAL SERVICE

The trustees of the plan have instructed California Dental Association to mail to each member an examination and treatment form after his dental bill has been paid. This will give each member the opportunity to see what dental treatment he has received and also the amount paid to his dentist by the fund. You will receive further information from the fund office in the near future.

If you have moved or have a change of address, you must re-register before April 14 to be eligible to vote in the June 7 primary election.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our best wishes for a happy retirement to Sisters Mabel Cooper, Black and White Liquor; Mildred B. Post, Brentwood Markets, and Bernice Still, Safeway Stores, whose retirement applications were approved on March 17 by the trustees of the Northern California Food Industry Pension Fund.

Steel Machinists 1304

BY DAVE ARCA

Hi. We bussed through Oakland's port properties last Friday.

It was part of the Port Commission's effort to stimulate interest in their available property and facilities.

VIPs of industry, banking, real estate, city officials and unions were invited. Even yours truly, who felt like a minnow suddenly surrounded by Big Fish.

Port Commission President, Joe Chaudet, did a fine job introducing everyone on the bus. A curious coincidence found us sitting two seats away from Dean Ramsden, head of Pacific Coast Engineering Co. He misjudged the mettle of our 1304 members employed by Paced last Easter and put us on the bricks on Good Friday.

Since Mr. Ramsden didn't know us, we left it that way. But with Easter again approaching, could we just say that we're really not a bad egg. Even if some insist we're slightly cracked.

At the outer harbor, Mr. Ramsden gave us a technical description of the two huge cranes built by Paced for Sea-Land Co. to load cargo containers, after which we boarded a boat and saw the port property from the Estuary.

A most important potential of the Port Commission's plans are the possibilities of new industries. This means new jobs. Oakland's high unemployment is based in the welfare recipients of the ghettos. Any type of job that can lift people from the slums is vital and necessary.

If Easter is the time of faith and hope, we hope Joe Chaudet and the Port Commission can persuade new industry to move in. Okay? Okay.

OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The special conditions that have existed between our membership and Levine Clinic and Hospital have been cancelled effective April 1, 1966.

By motion, the regular meeting of Friday, April 15, 1966, has been cancelled. The membership and officers of Local Union 1622 are invited to attend the annual 25 year pin award celebration at Carpenters Local Union No. 2046, Martinez, on this date. Hope to see you there.

The Goodfellowship Club of Carpenters will hold its next night of games on Saturday, March 26, 1966, at 8 p.m.

The office of the financial secretary remains open Friday evenings.

Our regular meetings are held every Friday at 8 p.m.

Our regular stewards' meeting will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

A Steward's Training Program is held the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The membership is invited to attend these meetings.

Our social event is held the last Friday of each month following our regular meeting.

Fraternally,
A. W. RICE,
Rec. Secty.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Rec. Secty.

U.C. EMPLOYEES 371

Because Friday, April 8, is an administrative holiday, U.C. Employees 371 will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. April 16, 1966, at the YMCA Hall, 921 Kains Ave., Albany. You will be notified of negotiation progress in the meantime, and a special meeting will be called if necessary.

Fraternally,
W. G. WHITCOMBE,
Secty.-Treas.

BARBERS 134

ATTENTION, ALL BARBERS:

There will be a hearing on a new barber college, to be located at 3510 E. 14th St., Oakland, on Monday, March 28, at 2 p.m. in the State Building at 1111 Jackson St. You are urged to attend this meeting. The State Board of Barber Examiners will listen to all interested parties. (You are an interested party.)

This is to be a 32 chair college. We already have one college in Oakland and four barber colleges in the Bay Area. This is more than adequate for the needs of this area. We are having difficulty in placing apprentice and journeymen barbers now. Further, the location of this college is not in a poverty center and will be disastrous to the Barbers of East Oakland, particularly those in the Fruitvale District.

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
AL MATTOCH,
Secty.-Treas.

STEAMFITTERS 342

A meeting of the shop stewards will be held in the William Fee Room, located on the Third Floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif., on Wednesday, April 13, 1966, promptly at 8 p.m.

All shop stewards are hereby notified to be in attendance at this meeting.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Bus. Mgr.

AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be at 8 p.m. April 5 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, April 7, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Please attend.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Secty.

PAINT MAKERS 1101

The next regular meeting of the union will be held Tuesday, April 19, at 8 p.m. in Hall C of the Labor Temple. During this meeting nominations will be held for two delegates to attend the Western Joint Council of Brush and Paint Makers. The election will be held on May 17 for these delegates.

Fraternally,
ED MORGAN,
Bus. Rep. & Fin. Secty.

MILLMEN'S 550

The next meeting of Millmen's Local 550 will be a special called meeting to vote on a raise in dues of 50 cents per month. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 1966, Hall A, First Floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, at 8 p.m. Please plan to attend.

Members in arrears are reminded that they will be removed from their jobs if they do not square up their arrears by the end of this month.

We are still in need of blood. Anyone wishing to donate blood to our Blood Bank, please contact this office for a note so that the Blood Bank will accept your donation.

Fraternally,
GEORGE H. JOHNSON,
Fin. Secty.

CHEMICAL WORKERS 62

Election of officers and delegates 8 p.m., Friday, April 8, 1966, at Niles Sportsman's Club. Voting booths will be open from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the benefit of swing shift workers.

Fraternally,
JEROME JACQUES,
Rec. Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meetings second Friday of the month at 8 p.m., 2267 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
JOHN FERRO,
Secty.

E.B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL (F)
Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m., Day Room.

HAYWARD SCHOOLS (H)
Changed from March 2 to Wednesday, March 30, 8 p.m., Martin School, 1000 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo.

Fraternally,
DAVE JEFFERY,
Exec. Secty.

PLUMBERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 has been changed and will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 1966, in Hall A at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.
2. A 30 minute safety film on plumbing will be shown by the Alameda County Promotion Fund, which should be very interesting.

Please make an honest effort to attend your union meetings. Your union is only as strong as your participation.

Fraternally,
GEORGE A. HESS,
Bus. Mgr. &
Fin. Secty.-Treas.

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m.

Stewards will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month, March 24, 1966.

The Educational Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Fraternally,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Rec. Secty.

SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

ATTENTION, MEMBERS

By membership action taken at the last regular meeting, held March 18, 1966, the membership of Local 1149 stands instructed that the first regular meeting in San Francisco April 1, 1966, be especially called for the purpose of nominating a business representative, and that the first regular meeting in San Francisco on May 6, 1966, be called for the election of a business representative by voting machines located in the San Francisco and Oakland halls. Voting to take place between 7 a.m. and

Regular meetings of Local 1149 held at 2035 Third St., San Francisco, the first Friday of every month and at 115 Broadway, Oakland, the third Friday of every month. Meetings start at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
JAMES ALLAN,
Rec. Secty.

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Meeting dates fourth Friday of every month. Meetings at 3 p.m. and the regular evening meetings at 7 p.m., both at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
VIC BRANDT,
Secty.-Bus. Rep.

RUBBER WORKERS 64

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at Auto Workers Hall, 1406 Seminary Ave., Oakland.

The Union Office has been moved to 23740 Nevada Rd., Hayward 94541.

A full-time deputy registrar of voters will be present at all of our meetings.

Fraternally,
LES PLOWRIGHT,
Pres.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Local 194 meets every first and third Monday at 8 p.m. with refreshments served in the canteen after each meeting on the first Monday of each month.

Fraternally,
J. W. NIXON,
Rec. Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meetings second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

Fraternally,
AL CHASMAR,
Secty.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Regular membership meeting Friday, March 25, 1966, Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
EWARD M. SOTO,
Rec. Secty.

LINOLEUM LAYERS 1290

The next regular meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Layers Local 1290 will be held on Thursday, March 24, at 8 p.m. Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Please attend.
Fraternally,
GLENN A. McINTIRE,
Rec. Secty.

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
DON CROSMAN,
Rec. Secty.

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDMO,
Rec. Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 677

Meetings second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., American Hellenic Center, 324 37th St., Richmond.

Fraternally,
TOM WILKINS,
Secty.

AFLCIO offers list of current publications

A list of nearly 50 titles of current AFLCIO booklets, pamphlets and leaflets covering a wide range of subjects is now available in the new and revised edition of the AFLCIO List of Publications.

The current listing carries for the first time the titles of 18 reprints of articles appearing originally in the AFLCIO American Federationist.

Copies of the List of Publications are available without cost from the AFLCIO Pamphlet Division, 115 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Brown announces poverty programs for Hayward area

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown announced his approval of a \$12,823 grant by the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity to expand two anti-poverty programs under way in the Hayward-Eden area of Alameda County.

The grant was awarded to the Eden Area Council of Social Planning on behalf of the Economic Opportunity Organization—Eden Area. Congressman George P. Miller and Don Edwards, who earlier announced federal approval of the grant, expressed gratification at the governor's action.

The funds include \$8,823 for a child health project to be operated in conjunction with a Head Start program involving 50 pre-school children, who will receive medical and dental examinations, vision, speech and hearing tests and corrective treatment where needed.

The six month project will be administered by the sponsoring organization and the Alameda County Health Department.

A public health nurse and a Spanish-speaking health aide will be hired and provisions will be made to involve parents in health education and nutrition.

The remaining \$4,000 will be used to give emergency financial aid to unemployed newcomers to the area, in conjunction with a comprehensive social services project for non-residents. The three month project is sponsored by the Alameda County Travelers Aid Society.

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Steamfitters Local 342

BY JIM MARTIN

Twenty-three new apprentices were initiated at our last membership meeting, may we wish them our best in their next five years of related and on-the-job training.

The Election Committee reported that 28 members signed up for the California Pipe Trades Convention, to be held May 20, 21 and 22, 1966, and 28 for the United Association Convention to be held in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 8-12, 1966. Also there will be two resolutions pertaining to increasing the union's initiation fee for building and construction applications and one providing for a \$2 assessment per month if a member does not attend one membership meeting a month. You should receive your sample ballot in the near future. The election will be held on Thursday, April 21, 1966, in Hall G of the Labor Temple. Polls will be open from 4 p.m. till 10 p.m.

There will be a job stewards' meeting on April 13, 1966, at 8 p.m. in the William Fee room of the Labor Temple. All stewards please take note.

The chairman of the Welfare Committee, Brother T. W. Etcheson, wishes to announce that the following named to serve on the Welfare Committee, and you may contact them relative to sick and needy members of the union: Bill Dyer, William MacDonald, C. D. Gibson, Andy Compel, Elmer Izard, Tom Clark, Bert Hearn, Charles Day, Pat Meehan, Don Stallings, Roy Turley, Gene Lehfeldt, Jay Bledsoe, Michael Aiello, Bill Weber, Jr., Harry Belote, Everett Delashaw, Kenneth Brown and Doyle Williams.

In closing, the Negotiating Committee will meet in the union's Business Offices on Thursday, March 24, 1966, and April 14, 1966, at 7 p.m. sharp, whereby any of our members may present any suggested changes in our contracts to be opened.

Also, the committee wishes to extend an invitation to those members that are interested in changes as they pertain to the union's California Shortline agreement to appear before the committee on Thursday, March 31, 1966, at 7:30 p.m. sharp and present suggested changes.

Our next membership meeting will be held April 7, 1966. See you then.

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Printing Specialties Union

BY FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

We don't know where all of the talk about boom times and manpower shortages is stemming from. It is certainly not the paper industry in the Bay Area. We have many members on lay-off status and working short workweeks.

We blame a lot of this on the phony tax system of our state, whereby property is taxed on the first Monday in March. All through the months of January and February, production goes into the doldrums in order that inventories are depleted by the "magical date."

We hear from our shipping clerks of the many schemes practiced in the industry to avoid paying this tax. Trucks are loaded and dispatched with orders to be on the road on the "magical day," only to return to their point of origin the following day. Tales are told of the miles of boxcars stacked up and waiting in Nevada to enter this state—after Floor Tax Day.

The railroads have even built acres of warehouses in Nevada to waylay shipments in order to escape the tax.

In the meantime, our members suffer with loss of income and, consequently, the whole economy suffers from this false depression of business caused by our state's antiquated property tax system.

The solution might be to change to the year-around inventory system of taxing. Unfortunately, our lawmakers in the Legislature can't stand the heat from those with a vested interest in the present system, and they don't make the change that would benefit the lowly working man.

Carpenters Credit Union

BY PAUL HUDGINS, TREASURER

Auto finance at your credit union may save you many dollars in interest compared to commercial lending institutions. Take time to make comparison before you sign any finance papers for the dealer.

Compare dollar costs. The actual monthly payment tells the story. One member was told by the new car salesman that he could finance through the dealer at 4 per cent and he believed that salesman. The paper he signed obligated him to make 36 monthly payments \$8 higher than any credit union is permitted to charge. The salesman lied.

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act truth about the interest you will pay.

See your credit union first, before you sign any papers. We have felt very sorry for some members who were already hooked by Coast Capital, Pacific Plan or any of various commercial outfits charging high interest rates. We felt sorry, and that was all we could do for those who had signed "second mortgages" with prepayment penalties.

Take time and save money. Don't be rushed into a deal. Could you afford to take a day off work to save \$250? Anyway, you don't need to take off. This credit union is open six days every week.

It's your credit union, operated for your benefit. Use it and save money. We are at 4032 Foothill Blvd. in Oakland. Phone 533-3889.

\$5 million loss

Smog is the major cause of plant damage in the Bay Area, according to the Bay Area Pollution Control District. A conservative estimate places the annual loss to growers at more than \$5,000,000, not including damage to home gardens and other non-commercial growing.

USW aids Viet kids

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ADVERTISEMENTS in major dailies across the nation by the AFLCIO International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union reminded the public that unemployment insurance is 30 years old this spring. The ads were illustrated with a photograph of an unemployed worker selling apples, symbolizing the depression of the 1930s. They contained a quotation from Heywood Brown, famous newspaper columnist and founder of the AFLCIO American Newspaper Guild: "I have known people to stop and buy an apple on the corner and then walk away as if they had solved the whole unemployment problem."

Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

A follow-up letter has been forwarded to the eight employers in Santa Clara County who have not signed our new union agreement that became effective April 1, 1966. Inasmuch as we do have a number of Santa Clara agreements signed, we see no reason not to expect the balance of the unsigned agreements in the office prior to April 1, 1966.

Those members whose employer has not signed for the new agreement by March 31 will be notified by the union, and we shall follow the past practice of this union, which is "no contract, no work" on April 1, 1966.

How we ever missed reporting President James Glasser's illness in last week's column I shall never know, unless I use that old saying: "You can't see the forest because of the trees." President Glasser, since the first of the year, believe it or not, has had a case of shingles in his left eye, followed by a mild case of glaucoma, plus a bout with the flu, which kept him home from work one week.

Now that he is recovering he can afford to put back a few of the pounds that he has lost in the past three months. Now this should get me in the good graces with the president again.

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With the March 31 deadline approaching for medicare sign-ups, William B. Hayward, district manager for the U.S. Social Security Administration in Oakland, reports registration for hospital and voluntary insurance proceeding at a rapid rate. He estimated that at the end of February, 87 per cent of those eligible in Alameda County had applied.

Voluntary insurance coverage to help pay doctor bills is available for \$3 per month. Hospital insurance for people over age 65 is available without cost. Both of these health insurance programs become effective on July 1.

However, in order to have the doctor bill protection, it is necessary that all persons now age 65 or over apply for it this month—by March 31.

MANY ELIGIBLE

Approximately 100,000 people in Alameda County are over age 65 and eligible for medicare, Hayward said.

For the convenience of late applicants, the Oakland and Hayward offices are open Thursday evenings until 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays until 12:30 p.m. in addition to the regular workday hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Berkeley and Richmond offices are open Saturdays but not Thursday nights, Hayward reported.

UNTIL 9 P.M.

All social security offices throughout the United States will be open until 9 p.m. Monday, March 28, through Thursday, March 31, the deadline day.

Medicare is available to practically everybody 65 or over, including those still working. But you have to sign up to receive Plan B, which pays for part of your doctor bills and other non-hospital services.

Both Blue Cross and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan have set up supplemental coverage for present members 65 and over. They have emphasized that it is essential that these persons sign up for Plan B of medicare regardless of whether or not they are still working. The new health plan coverage for those 65 and over will pay for services not included under either Plan A or B of medicare.

Mona Long on leave

Mona Long, office manager of Paint Makers 1101, is on an indefinite leave of absence following a home accident. Marilyn Moore is pinch-hitting.

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Senate probe, march focus attention on Farm Workers

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need for passage of a package of bills now before Congress, which would:

- Bring farm workers under collective bargaining laws, allowing them to unionize.
- Grant them minimum wage protection.
- Prohibit child labor on farms.
- Modernize farm labor recruitment, and
- Establish an advisory council on migratory farm labor.

BROWN'S STATEMENT

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, in a statement submitted to the subcommittee, urged passage of the bills.

He also said present minimum wage proposals for farm labor are inadequate and urged a \$1.40 minimum wage for agriculture.

The governor proposed a six point federal housing program to help farmers and local housing authorities meet what he called "the shocking lack of adequate housing for farm worker families."

It includes a rent supplement program, low interest loans and strengthening of the Farmers Home Administration.

The governor's housing statement was presented by Walter J. Monasch, director of the State Department of Housing and Community Development. The governor was in Washington on state business.

Brown's statement said, in part:

More than 80 per cent of farm worker families live in dwellings which violate standards of health, safety and comfort;

"Nearly 65 per cent of the dwellings occupied by general field workers are dilapidated or deteriorated;

"Pit privies still serve 33 per cent of the dwellings occupied by general field workers;

"Thirty per cent of the dwellings have no bathing facilities, and 25 per cent lack even a kitchen sink with running water."

The governor told the subcommittee that California's economy benefitted by \$300 million in 1965 because foreign farm workers were largely displaced by domestic labor.

PITTS' TESTIMONY

Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, told the senators the Delano grape strike has made the need for legislation to protect farm workers even more pressing than it was.

The grape strike has focused attention on the "total unwillingness of growers to bargain collectively with their work force," Pitts declared.

The State AFLCIO leader also said a "tremendous imbalance" exists between the political and economic power of California's huge corporate farms, and that of their workers.

DI GIORGIO CORPORATION
In contrast with the farm workers' efforts to win \$1.40 an hour in Delano, Pitts cited the \$65 million assets of the DiGiorgio Corporation—one of the big firms resisting the strike there.

According to Pitts, DiGiorgio posted annual sales of \$132 million and showed a net profit of \$2½ million.

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CLC TO JOIN MARCH

Upon motion by Ambrose Villanueva, Government Employees 3, the Central Labor Council voted Monday night to have a delegation join the farm workers' march from Delano to Sacramento. Local 3 pledged to be represented.

Building Service unions will join the caravan April 2, Floyd Clardy, Hospital Workers 250, reported.

Following is the itinerary for the rest of the march:

March 26, Madera; March 27, Chowchilla; March 28, Merced; March 29, Livingston; March 30, Turlock; March 31, April 1, Modesto; April 2, Manteca; April 3 and 4, Stockton; April 6-9, Lodi; April 10, Sacramento. All unionists are invited to join at any point, even for a few hours.

He gave the subcommittee these statistics:

• DiGiorgio, a major distributor of fruit and vegetable products, owns the Philadelphia Fruit Exchange and has a 93 per cent interest in Met Food Corporation, a supplier of New York area retail stores.

• Kern County Land Co., another corporate giant, owns 1,806,000 acres in California, Arizona and New Mexico—an area larger than the entire state of Delaware.

If you quit, don't apply for jobless benefits, BTC told

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this year, however, the governor must put the topic on his "special call" list.

The unionists, under leadership of the California Labor Federation, want higher workmen's compensation benefits on the "special call" agenda, too.

BARTD CONFERENCE

Dillashaw also reported on the meeting between union and civil rights group representatives about Bay Area Rapid Transit District jobs.

He said the meeting was set up through the efforts of F. W. Monrean, who has been handling labor relations for BARTD construction as a representative of the joint venture firm of Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Tudor & Bechtel.

In addition to Dillashaw, BARTD Labor Committee members attending included: C. R. Bartolini, executive secretary, Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters; John L. Spalding, Plumbers; G. E. Hopper, Laborers; and Otto Rieman, Electrical Workers. Bartolini is committee chairman.

Dillashaw said "a lot of conversation" took place, but the unionists stood firm.

He said they explained to the civil rights representatives that widespread unemployment in the construction industry assures a plentiful supply of already-trained union workers for BARTD.

In his union, Cement Masons 594, unemployment is now running 20 per cent, Dillashaw added.

Dillashaw emphasized that the Cement Masons have had a non-discrimination clause in the constitution of their international union since its formation during the Civil War.

He predicted no more meetings would be set up between unions and civil rights groups on BARTD construction unless JOBART (Justice on Bay Area Rapid Transit), the chief complaining group, agrees to take part.

Shopping News signs

The San Francisco Shopping News was scheduled to resume publication this week, with its white collar employees covered under a contract with Office and Professional Employees 3.

The Shopping News suspended publication in January during a strike by members of Local 3.

It now has a new owner, James McClatchy, former business manager of the Modesto Bee. McClatchy has signed a contract with Local 3, as well as agreements with blue collar printing trades unions.

Resumption of publication of the Oakland Shopping News—formerly produced by the firm—was not expected immediately.

Both shopping papers were formerly owned by a group of major department stores. When they closed the offices during the strike, they said they had been considering the move for some time.

The new Local 3 contract provides for white collar pay scales

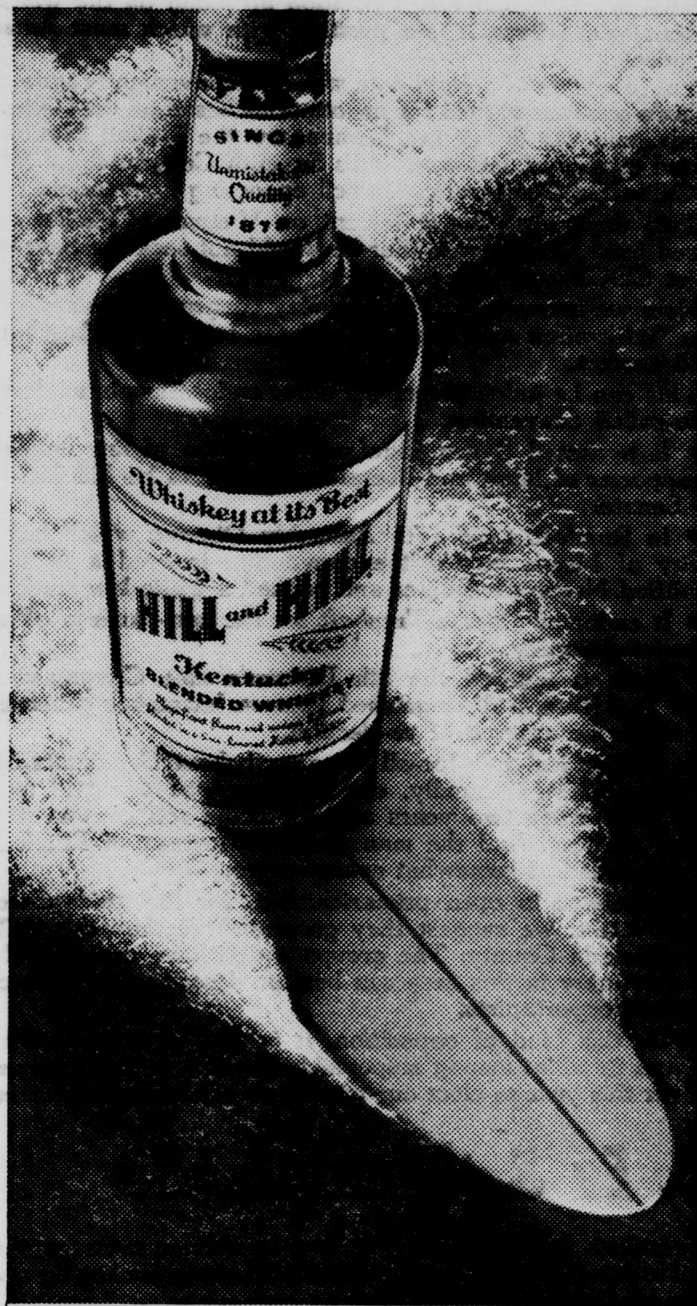
of \$80 to \$181 a week. They had been \$52 to \$170. Additional raises of \$1.50 to \$3 are guaranteed in 1967.

The pact also assures reinstatement of all those laid off, as well as a union shop, sick leave, seniority protection, maternity leave, car allowances and a 7½ hour day starting next February.

Employees with less than four years' service will be entitled to three weeks vacations. Others will receive two weeks a year. The contract covers 24 sales, business and clerical employees.

Task force

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown announced he has directed Walter J. Monasch, director of the State Department of Housing and Urban Development, to form a state task force to expedite work on urban renewal projects now frozen by the federal government.



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Our task is clear now; a big job lies ahead!

On March 15, Congressman Jeffery Cohelan (D-7th District) issued a statement from Washington, D.C. He again stated his position urging continued efforts by the United States toward negotiations in Vietnam. He called for "a conference without preconditions, an effective cease-fire and self-determination for the South Vietnamese." The Berkeley congressman went on to stress the need for "prudence and restraint" in the use of United States military force.

This has been Cohelan's position all along on the war in Vietnam. We believe it is a position with which most Americans agree.

Yet followers of a candidate who has conveniently ignored Cohelan's continued stand for negotiations based on the Geneva Accords, and for direct involvement by the United Nations, captured control of last weekend's Seventh Congressional District California Democratic Council endorsing convention.

Two days after his statement on Vietnam, Cohelan announced from Washington that he would not seek the Seventh District CDC's endorsement.

Now we know why. The Berkeley congressman's analysis of the "infiltration and takeover" of the local CDC has been proved correct.

This can be judged from the other endorsements made by this so-called convention.

- It bypassed Byron Rumford, champion of fair housing and supporter of labor and liberal legislation, in his bid for the State Senate.

- In Rumford's old 17th Assembly District, which has a majority of Negro voters, the convention ignored a number of qualified Negro candidates and backed a white law student.

- It endorsed Robert Treuhaft for the non-partisan office of District Attorney.

- Then it ignored the 8th District's able Congressman George P. Miller, a distinguished veteran lawmaker generally conceded to be assured of re-election.

In this radical free-for-all three incumbent Democrats did get the nod, but, ironically, one of them was involved in a dispute with labor two years ago for being too conservative on labor matters. And the man endorsed instead of Rumford is also regarded as somewhat conservative.

We believe in open primaries. But, for the guidance of primary voters, we suggest they go elsewhere than the CDC list in Alameda County. The groups which have captured the CDC machinery in this area can best be described as a bunch of political opportunists.

With this kind of opposition, it is doubly important for labor, and its allies among responsible liberals, to work harder than ever this year to elect our friends and defeat our enemies.

LBJ, Ev & the truth bills

President Johnson issued a new consumer message this week. He again asked Congress to pass truth-in-packaging and truth-in-lending legislation.

Of course, it remains to be seen whether the President will—or can—shake the bills loose from the committees in which they are pigeonholed.

But the President's message can be said already to have had one beneficial effect:

It gave the American public a chance to hear some more of the sage political observations of Republican Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois.

Senator Dirksen, of course, is against the bills.

He said the packaging bill would "kill innovation." This, of course, is almost the same thing to Senator Dirksen as saying it would kill free enterprise. And, in Illinois, such a stand is a good way to get votes.

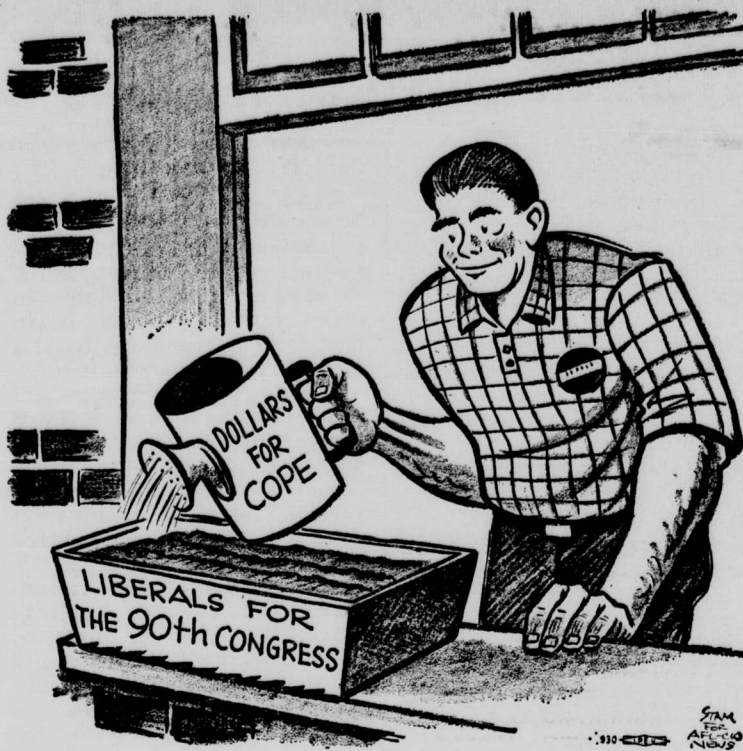
But we think Senator Dirksen's position should be examined closely. In the first place, industry would still have wide latitude in packaging consumer goods. It could exercise all the innovation it wished, except in certain ways judged detrimental to the public interest by the elected representatives of the public: namely, Congress.

Such prudent control is the accepted guidepost for the majority of our laws. Freedom is guaranteed, except where it is detrimental to the public interest.

As for Senator Dirksen's comment that the truth-in-packaging bill would cost \$700 million for retooling, we wonder how much fraudulent packaging now costs the public.

Besides, retooling would create jobs (and profits) in subsidiary industries. And some of these might even be in Illinois!

Seeding Time



POVERTY WAR 'WAGED WITH PEA SHOOTERS'

The Economic Opportunity Act—under which President Johnson's War on Poverty is being waged—wouldn't have passed in its present form without the strong support of the AFL-CIO.

Yet the act is "really a war on poverty with pea shooters," Nat Weinberg, top economist for the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO, told a group of unionists here last week.

Weinberg, director of special projects for the UAW, has been on the Berkeley campus of the University of California as a visiting Regents' lecturer.

He told nearly 40 union members at a meeting in the Labor Temple, arranged by the U.C. Center for Labor Research and Education, that even the limited anti-poverty efforts now in progress are valuable because they:

- Focus attention on the problem of poverty, and
- Open up the possibility that the poor can be organized to speak up for themselves.

\$12 BILLION

Citing figures of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, Weinberg told the union audience it would take \$12 billion to wage a really effective war against poverty—to raise all Americans above the poverty level.

He indicated that, even though Defense Secretary Robert McNamara can get that much from Congress, OEO Director Sargent Shriver can't.

Organized labor has historically joined anti-poverty efforts for both moral and practical reasons, Weinberg declared.

"It's immoral in a country as rich as ours for anybody to suffer for lack of the basic necessities," the UAW expert added.

He summed up labor's practical reasons for fighting poverty as follows:

- The existence of large numbers of poverty-level families threatens union-won standards.
- Many union members encounter poverty themselves, especially following injury, sickness or layoff or when faced with high medical bills or support of an aged relative.
- Many of the potential recruits for unions are persons living in poverty today.
- Elimination of poverty opens up new job opportunities for existing union members in housing, manufacturing and service and other industries.
- Labor can win allies for its political battles by joining in the fight against poverty.

ROLE OF UNIONS

Weinberg elaborated upon the need for unions today to woo persons now in poverty.

Fifty or more years ago, he said, most of the potential union recruits were immigrants from Europe, who had a strong tradition of unionism and social reform.

Today, he charged, many of the poor view labor as a "privileged class."

Labor has also lost many of its former allies among minority groups and intellectuals, according to Weinberg.

During the 1930s, Weinberg pointed out, when unions had these allies, they won the Wagner Act, the minimum wage and social security.

Today, he added, even such a limited proposal as repealing Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Law is defeated.

DELANO STRIKE

Weinberg said the Delano grape strike is important because of the renewed interest in church groups and liberal intellectuals in labor's struggles. He noted that a news item in the San Francisco Chronicle about an alliance between the United Auto Workers and Negro leader Martin Luther King to fight poverty in Chicago slums aroused more interest on the U.C. campus than anything since the Delano strike.

Weinberg also compared the relatively meager social security, sickness and accident benefits in the United States with those in Western European nations. He added that ours is the only industrialized country this side of the Iron Curtain without a national health insurance program.

Western European nations engage in planning to achieve full employment—or to approach it—but we don't because it would undermine industry's power to keep wages low, Weinberg charged.

CITIZENS CRUSADE

Weinberg concluded his talk by describing the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty, launched by the UAW and church, civil rights, social welfare and some business groups.

He said a number of unions have joined.

First project will be to set up three training centers across the nation to train 1,000 persons from poverty areas to organize the poor.

Weinberg stressed the importance of eliminating sources of conflict between labor and legitimate civil rights groups.

Guidelines 'unreal'

The trouble with so-called wage guidelines is that they have little or no relation to economic reality. — United Mine Workers Journal.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .

We Run 'Em!

BE FAIR TO OTHER UNION MEMBERS!

Editor, Labor Journal:

At the Labor Council meeting on Monday, March 7, Roy Woods of Culinary Workers No. 823 asked all union members and their families to cooperate in not patronizing McDonald's hamburger stands, as they were unfair to union labor.

I know exactly what Roy Woods was talking about, but I wonder if many of our so-called good union men do? Barbers of Local 34 have a similar situation. If we could keep union men and their sons out of scab barber shops, most of them would have to close. Brothers, this is a fact.

Also, how many union members get their hair cut in shops that charge union prices but do not have a Union Shop Card in their shop because they refuse to pay dues to our union. These barbers in a way are worse than the cut-raters. They are free-loading at our expense.

Think this over, brothers, and when you get your next haircut, look for the AFL-CIO Union Shop Card in the barber shop you enter. If you do not see it, ask the barber why he charges our price and doesn't have one. The answer should be very interesting.

Some of you will be surprised to find out that you have been patronizing a non-union barber. All Barbers of Local 134 ask for your cooperation and support.

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MORE INFORMATION ON VIETNAM URGED

Editor, Labor Journal:

Our only East Bay labor newspaper has been most reticent in printing any dialogue or debate about President Johnson's policy in Vietnam. Employment and wages are increasing because we are in a war economy. The major issue today would seem to be existence vs. co-existence, and it involves every one of us.

What is peaceful co-existence? U.S. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg states, "The U.S. is ready to co-exist peacefully with any and all countries, including Communist China." But no one, he added, should make any mistake about American resolution and purpose in the Vietnam war. He claims we have had 128 meetings with Chinese ambassadors in Warsaw. Clearly, we have failed so far in both efforts, to negotiate a peace or to bring about peace through more intensive military effort. What then can we do?

First, we must grant United Nations recognition to Communist China and thereby use U.N. resources to negotiate with them. The U.S. should not have to carry all the responsibility for containing "aggression." As President Johnson has stated, "We are not the world's policeman."

Secondly, we must recognize the fact that the National Liberation Front is an entity separate from North Vietnam and should be included in negotiations as proposed by Senators Robert and Edward Kennedy. The alternative to co-existence can be annihilation for all. According to Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, Communist China's atomic power is growing fast. If we feel threatened, we cannot protect ourselves by becoming more threatening to them.

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